

WATER COMMITTEE

May 8, 2019

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Frisina, Chairman
Steve Rapson, County Administrator
Russell Ray, Acting Water System Director
Charles Oddo, Commissioner
Jimmy Preau

ABSENT:

Frank Destadio, Vice Chairman
Bill Holland

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Dennis Davenport, County Attorney
Jason Bodwell, CH2M/Jacobs

STAFF PRESENT:

Tom Henninger

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Frisina at 8:00 A.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON APRIL 10, 2019.

Jimmy Preau made the motion and Commissioner Oddo seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 10, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

II. WATER SELECTOR UPDATE.

Steve Rapson reported he talked to Kelly who is the rep and explained to him the Water Selector is not fully automated yet, but it is getting really close. He told him we are ready, now that they have it in operation so that it is picking gates, we are in the process of evaluating the usage for the chemical, so that we can look at that for a 60 to 90 day period. Then we are going to extrapolate what the savings is for that compared to a comparable time frame last year for us to validate the savings before we issue the notice to proceed for the second selector. We did the one at Lake McIntosh, which was \$550,000.00. The one for Lake Horton is only \$450,000.00. He said we are waiting to do the \$450,000.00 until we validate the savings.

Mr. Rapson went on to say the Water Selector is functioning, one of the things Kelly told him is there has been a little bit of a surprise in regards to the quality of water near the surface and near the bottom because it is a lot shallower, so the fluctuations are a little more than what they anticipated, which will do nothing but help us, and it means it is picking a better gate.

Mr. Ray added that IT (Information Technology) now has purchased the laptop computer; we are going to put it at the water plant and we will get the IXOM rep on site and IT together and we will get the communications connected. We will be able to see it at the plant.

III. TANK REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE UPDATE.

Jason Bodwell reported Highway 92 tank is complete. It has been disinfected and brought back into service. He said he has warranty information that is in his out box from Southeastern and from Tnemec to send to Russell Ray. This project is finished, we just need to pay them, and they are working on their invoice right now. The tank looks wonderful. They are going to demobilize and sit back and get ready for the other three in the fall.

Mr. Ray showed the photos. The first from Highway 92 heading south you can see the logo very well. The other photos were made inside the tank, he showed some of the conditions before the work was done. Then he showed photos once the work was completed, which included new coats of paint. There was a leak on the riser pipe that had caused corrosion. He showed this work had been completed as well. The CH inspector observed all the work.

Mr. Bodwell said the invoice will include the work on Highway 92 tank and the demo of Twin Tank 1. He explained the work in the fall will be in the October time frame when the water demand goes down a little bit. He said they have communicated that with the vendor and they are fine with it. They will move onto other projects and wait to hear from us.

IV. WATER PLANT UPDATE.

Mr. Bodwell reported they are still moving forward with the filter replenishment. The contractor that has been selected to do filter replenishment was out on site last week to look at the valves that will need to be addressed before we actually replenish the media in the filter. Mr. Bodwell said he is supposed to get a quote from him on replacement of the valves. He was out with Joseph and Chet last week. He said he has not heard from him on a cost to replace the valves.

Mr. Rapson commented this is the first he has heard of the valves being a problem. Mr. Bodwell replied they talked about that with Lee. In order to backwash the filter media once they put it in, they are going to need to valve it off. The valves have been leaking and they are a little concerned about being able to backwash the filters with leaky valves. Mr. Bodwell said we can't really do the backwash to clean and disinfect the new media unless we have a proper valve, so the contractor that has not been selected yet, but we are kind of aiming to use went out there to just look at the valves and see where they are and how much they will cost to replace.

Mr. Ray explained we can backwash, we are backwashing the filters; it is just when they put the new media in and we need to disinfect the filter with the new media, it will leak down and won't hold the chlorinated water on the media. We are still able to operate without any issues at this time.

Mr. Bodwell said the chlorine dioxide design is still sitting on the shelf. He said he needs to get with Ted to dust that off and have Ted Burgess in Procurement do their magic and get that ready to bid. We have done the mid-year budget adjustment, moved money around, so there is money sitting there to do that project. Mr. Ray commented he spoke to Ted that Mr. Bodwell would be contacting him. Mr. Bodwell said he would go by this afternoon. Mr. Burgess's group needs to review the front end, the dates of the documents and assign a date for the bid opening and get their process down. Everything else is done, the design is a hundred percent done, the specs are a hundred percent done, and it is really just administrative of getting on their books for the bidding.

Mr. Ray announced we have a small, but very important project going on at Crosstown. He said we were able to get a contractor in place to do this project. He showed pictures of the floor coating project, starting with the chemical building. First he showed pictures of the finished product, he explained this is a three part process, three different coatings, an epoxy coating. He showed the area in the chemical building where the alum tank, the old lime room, and the chlorine dioxide rooms are located. He then showed a photo of the chlorine dioxide room prior to the unit being installed, after demo of the existing equipment that was in there; prior to the installation of the chlorine dioxide and the finishing of the floor. He went on to show the old chlorine container area, showing photos of them prepping the floor; sanding and grinding it down to remove any existing loose material and old paint to get a good surface.

Mr. Ray stated this project is moving along. We are moving along now to the filter hall. This is going to add another step to getting that plant looking the way we would like to have it looking.

Mr. Ray asked Tom Henninger to come up. He said we now have the Achievement, he presented the Certificate of Achievement; Tom is the plant manager of the Crosstown Water Plant, he is the operator of responsible charge for that plant. He and a number of other people including Brandon, have worked hard to get the plant ready for the inspection. He said it was presented at the Spring Conference. He showed Lisa's program from the Spring Conference; it lists all the awards for this year. The competition was for Plant of the Year and they also have this achievement award.

Mr. Henninger explained we applied for this award last year and did not win the award, but it also gave us a lot of insight on what we needed to do to get our plant ready. With that information, plus the fact of all the upgrades that were done in the past several years would help Lee and Russell; we are making great strides. In the

past year we have used the old evaluation and replaced a lot of signs, added some signs, painted some things that were rusted and got the plant looking pretty good. As you can see by this award we improved over the previous years and we will get close. He said he thinks next year between having the floors completed and the work the Maintenance guys are doing, painting the pipework in the pump houses and everything, he thinks we stand a good chance of winning the award next year.

Mr. Ray commented we had talked about the cosmetics and that is very important to the image you want to set as soon as you walk in the door. He said Bill Holland made a comment about the impression you set. They look at a number of other points too, as far as the operation and the documentation at the plants.

Mr. Henninger agreed, they look at documentation, safety issues, and cleanliness. Mr. Rapson commented it is the water version of the accreditation program for the Public Safety folks. Operations is just as important as the aesthetics. Mr. Henninger said another item that is in next year's budget is trying to get the basins painted and also work on the 4 million gallon clear well. He said if we can get all that done he thinks we should be in real good shape. Mr. Ray thanked Mr. Henninger for being at the meeting today.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no public comment.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Oddo made a motion to adjourn the May 8, 2019 meeting. Steve Rapson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:15 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 12th day of June, 2019.

Lisa Speegle

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: May 22, 2019